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February 8, 3.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

Ernest William Weekes

I have the honour to refer to your letter W.108/32 and enclosures of December 3, 1932, and to inform you that E.W. Weekes arrived in Shanghai in the latter part of the year 1921 under the name of Lionel W. Weekes. He secured employment, through the United Services Association, with the Shanghai-Hongkew Wharf Company as general overseer, which position he held until March 9, 1923, when he joined the Shanghai Fire Brigade as a Sub-Officer, resigning on March 25, 1925. He then obtained employment with Holts Wharf, where he remained for about five months when he left Shanghai suddenly informing only a few friends of his intention on the day of his departure. During his stay in Shanghai he was never known to represent himself as a doctor. He was, however, a very plausible man and succeeded in leaving this city owing considerable amounts of money to various tradespeople.

Weekes was known to have visited Australia and [illegible] a full page article appeared in an Australian paper, [illegible] "Smith's Weekly" regarding his fraudulent activities in Melbourne. In this connection I would suggest that [illegible] communicate with the Chief of Police in Melbourne.

doubtless, furnish further information if so desired.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) F. W. Garrard

Commissioner of Police.

Chief Superintendent,
Criminal Investigation Department,
South African Police,
Bulawayo,
Southern Rhodesia.

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File No. D 4436

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

H. Q. Crime Branch Station,

Date February 8, 1933

Subject (in full) Earnest William Weeks alias Lionel J. Weekes alias Edwin William Weekes.

Made by D.I. Sharman Forwarded by Supt. Quayle

Sir,

Inquiries at the Shanghai Hongkew Wharf re Weekes, elicit that he arrived in Shanghai in the latter part of 1921 and was known as Lionel J. Weekes. Through the offices of the United Services Association he was found employment in the Shanghai Hongkew Wharf Company as warehouse and general overseer. He continued in this employment until March 9th, 1923 when he joined the Shanghai Fire Brigade as a Sub-Officer. He resigned this position on March 25th, 1925, and obtained employment with Holts Wharf. This position he held for about five months, when he suddenly left Shanghai, telling only a few friends on the day of his departure that he was leaving. During his stay in Shanghai he was never known to represent himself as a doctor, he was however a very plausible man, and succeeded in leaving Shanghai owing considerable amounts to various tradespeople. He was known to have visited Australia, and he was subject of a full page article in an Australian paper "Smiths Weekly" in 1927 showing how he had duped the Melbourne people, by means of a faked letter, to show that he had inherited a fortune in England, which he used to obtain extensive credit. A copy of this paper is not available here, but verification could easily be obtained from the paper itself, as this article was seen by several local people. It is not known if police action was taken, but Weekes succeeded in leaving Australia before he was found out.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. I.

D.C. (Crime)

No 22/33.

Shanghai Municipal Council.

FIRE BRIGADE.

February 4, 1933.

The Commissioner of Police,

[redacted]

With reference to your memorandum marked D1435 dated January 28, 1933 and correspondence attached.

1. I would state that we had a Mr. [redacted] serving with this Department in the capacity of a Sub-Officer for a period of two years and 16 days, joining March 9, 1923 and resigning of his own accord on March 25, 1925.

He came to this Department with a recommendation from A. J. Wilson Esq., Acting Superintendent of the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co. Ltd.

The photograph attached bears a strong likeness to the man in question.

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[redacted] returned herewith.

URGENT

Supt. i/c Sec. C. I.B.

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February 4. 33.

The Commissioner of Police.

Re. Foreign Staff
Lionel W. Weekes - Formah William Weekes.

With reference to your memorandum marked D4436 dated January 25, 1933 and correspondence attached.

1. I would state that we had a Mr. Lionel W. Weekes serving with this Department in the capacity of a Sub-Officer for a period of two years and 16 days, joining March 9, 1923 and resigning of his own accord on March 25, 1925.
2. He came to this Department with a recommendation from A. J. Wilson Esq., Acting Superintendent of the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co. Ltd.
3. The photograph attached bears a strong likeness to the man in question.

A. GORDON DYSON
Chief Officer,
Shanghai Fire Brigade.

Encl: Will be returned herewith.

January 25, 3.

Chief Officer,

Fire Brigade, S.M.C.

I shall be obliged if you can forward any details concerning Ernest William Weekes, mentioned in the attached file, who I understand was employed in your Department during 1921-1922.

Sent 25/1. ADD

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.
Deputy Commissioner.
(Crime Branch).

S. B. REGISTRY
D 44436
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W. 108/32.

Criminal Investigation Department,

BULAWAYO,

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

3rd December, 1932.

The Commissioner of Police,
SHANGHAI,
China.

Ernest William Weekes.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of fingerprints and statement made by the above-named on examination as a suspected prohibited immigrant to this Colony.

-2. It is requested that you will be good enough to have the facts averred therein verified as far as possible and furnish me with any further particulars that may be available concerning this man.

3. I should be glad if the matter could be treated as "Urgent".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chief Superintendent,
B.S.A. Police.

COPY.

Ernest William Weekes States,

I am a British subject and was born at Toronto, Canada, on the 8th January, 1888. Both my parents are dead. My father, William King Weekes, was a Medical Practitioner and died when I was about 11 years of age. He died in Toronto. My mother, Edith Weekes, died about a year after my father. After my parents' death I lived with an Aunt, Mrs. Winifred Griffis in Toronto. When I reached the age of 16 years I went to the Western University, London, Ontario, to study for medicine. I was here for about five years but failed to qualify. About June 1914 I left Canada and went to England on a trip. I remained in England until War was declared and enlisted in the 2nd 5th Gloucester Regiment as a private. I went to France where I remained until the middle of 1916, returned to England and went over to Ireland, remained there for four months and came back to England. I was then transferred to the Royal Scots and went to France with them until the end of the War. Early part of 1919 I returned to Canada and went back to the Western University, London, Ontario, where I qualified as a M.D. I qualified in 1920 and received my diploma, which I subsequently sent to my mother's parents in Gloucester, England. I have no idea where it is now, but it is possible that my brother, Frederick George Weekes, has it in his possession. The last time I heard of him was about three years ago, when I met him in England.

After I qualified I left Canada and went to Japan visiting the various Towns on a holiday trip. I remained in Japan about five months and then went to Vladivostock, Russia, with the intention of joining with the White Army. I served with this Army as medical man, for about four months, and was

expelled from Russia by the Red Autherities. I was sent to Shanghai. This would be about the latter part of 1921. Whilst in Shanghai I opened a practice and was associated with the Shanghai Municipal Fire Brigade. I remained here until February, 1926, and received a reference from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade of Shanghai, which I produce. From 1926 to about the middle of 1927 I visited Singapore, Hong Kong, Malacca, Penang, British North Borneo, Java, Thursday Island, Sydney, Melborne, Brisbane. I was not practising during these visits. It was more of a holiday trip. I left Australia and went to France; I was in France for about five months and crossed to England. This was then about the middle of 1928. I spent three months in London and then went to Rio de Janeiro, South American. I obtained employment with the Sao Paulo Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited, as the Company's Doctor. I remained here until November, 1929, and produce a reference from this Company.

The Passport I was in possession of at this time had been destroyed by fire which occurred at the Hospital just outside Sao Paulo. My name on this Passport was Edwin William Wookes, which is my correct name. I applied for a new one at the Consulate at Sao Paulo by writing for it enclosing a letter from the Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited. I collected the passport in Sao Paulo on my way to London. I did not examine it at that time, but after leaving London for South Africa I found that my first Christian name had been put down as Ernest. This must have been a mistake by the Consulate. I arrived in South Africa on the 2nd December 1929 at Cape Town. It was my intention [illegible]

to proceed to England after staying for about a month. During this month I became acquainted with my present wife, whom I married at the Magistrate's Court at Cape Town. My wife had two children when I married her. I did not practice in Cape Town, neither did I register myself in the Union as a Medical Practitioner. I remained in Cape Town fromDecember 1929 to October 1932, my address being 21 Mill Street. I left Cape Town in October by car accompanied by my wife and child Norman, aged 9 years, and went to Kimberley, where I stayed with a friend, Francis Pope, who is one of the Magistrates there. I remained with him for ten days and then came to Johannesburg. In Johannesburg I met my brother-in-law, Edgar Olley, and it was arranged that he should accompany us to Rhodesia. Whilst in Johannesburg I was staying at the Berkely Hotel. I obtained a permit from the Electoral Officer in Johannesburg for a journey to Portuguese East Africa. We left Johannesburg together and went to Stegi, Swaziland, where I spent most of my time between Stegi and Lorenzo Marques. I stayed on the Bar R. Ranch, Stegi, for about six weeks. This ranch belongs to Reece Evans. I left Stegi and arrived in Southern Rhodesia on the 20th November, 1932, via Beitbridge. I was met at Beitbridge by an Official who I took to be the Customs Officer. I signed two forms there but have recollection of filling in the one now shown to me (Form 128). I came to Rhodesia on a visit to my brother-in-law, Charles Olley, of Salisbury. It is my intention to stay here for a couple of months, and then return to England either via Union of South Africa or Beira.

I have approximately the sum of £15 cash in my possession. I have a banking account with the Standard Bank at Cape Town, current account, and the amount standing to

standing to my credit there is about £700. I wrote to the Standard Bank in Cape Town on Tuesday asking them to transfer the sum of £300 to Mr. Charles Olley, my brother-in-law, and the balance to be transferred to the London Joint City and Midland Bank, London. I still have a current account with this bank.

My wife has a private income of her own. I do not know the amount she has. We were married by Antenuptial Contract. The car we came to Rhodesia with is the property of my wife. It was given to her as a wedding present.

I am registered as a Medical Practitioner in the British Medical Association of the United Kingdom. I am registered in the name of Edwin William Weekes, which is my correct name. My diploma received from the Western University, London, Ontario, is also in this name.

The only relation I have living is my brother, Frederick George Weekes. I have no idea where he is at the present time. I have no friends in the medical profession in the Union of South Africa or Rhodesia. I am well known to Doctor Abel Vargas who is, as far as I know, with the Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He would be the person to vouch for my credentials.

When I left France in 1916 I went to Ireland on Home Service. This was after completing 18 months active service in France, and it was whilst I was in Ireland that I was transferred to the Royal Scots. I received my discharges from the Army on demobilisation at Edinburgh Castle, Scotland. I have not seen them for some years now and it is possible that they have been mislaid or lost.

I produce

I produce Passport number 973 issued to me by the Consul General of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on the 29th August 1929. In this it shews the date of my birth to be the 8th January, 1891, which is not correct. This may have been a mistake of mine when applying for it.

sgd. Edwin William Weekes.

Salisbury. 1.12.32.
Before me:
sgd. M. Record,
Det.Sgt.

Further states:

I can produce no further papers or documents in regard to my identity.

I have seen the Medical Register of 1929 wherein it appears a person named William Edwin Weekes, Munster, Ont: Canada, 1921, May 1920, M.C.P. & S., Ont.1920 M.D. Western U. Ont. 1926. I have also seen the Medical Directory of 1931 wherein it appears a person named William Edwin Weekes, Munster, Ont: Canada. M.C.P.S. Ont. 1920. M.D. Western Univ: Ont: 1926 (Med: Univ: Med: Schs:), Coroner, Huron County. I can definitely say that both refer to myself. I cannot give any explanation as to why my name should appear as William Edwin Weekes, when my correct name is Edwin William Weekes. I cannot explain why the Medical Directory 1931 should still show that I am still the Coroner of Huron County, when I have been absent from Canada for the past 11 years. Although I applied for this position and was accepted, I did not commence duties as I left Canada for the East.

I did not register myself as a Medical Practitioner. This was done by the Registrar of the Western University, Ontario. It was after I had obtained my degree and left the University that I was registered, as above.

as far as I can recollect at that time I was residing at the University or Wardsville, Ontario. Since the time I was registered I have never communicated with the Registrar of the Medical Register or Directory giving them my various changes of addresses.

Salisbury. 1.12.32. sgd. E.W. Weekes.

Extract from Medical Register for 1929, Colonial List.

Name.	Address.	Date of Registration.	Qualifications.
WEEKES, William Edwin.	Exeter, Ont: Canada.	1921, May 20.	M.C.P. & S. Ont., 1920. M.D. Western U. Ont. 1920.

Extract from Medical Directory, 1931, Practitioners Resident Abroad.

WEEKES, Wm. Edwin, Exeter, Ont. Canada. M.C.P.S. Ont.1920. M.D. Western Univ. Ont. 1920; (West.Univ.Med.Sch.) Coroner, Huron County.

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ERNEST WILLIAM WEEKES.

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Criminal Investigation Department, B.S.A.Police, Bulawayo. File No. W.108/1932.

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Photograph of Ernest William WEEKES.

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Description of Europeans and Asiatics.

Nationality BRITISH - Canadian.

Age Born 8th.January, 1888.

Height.....

Build.....

Hair.....

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Bodily Marks, Scars, Tattoo Marks, etc.....

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